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**From:** IGNATIUS PALMERI  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner  
Adelstein  
**Date:** Sat, May 3, 2003 2:48 PM  
**Subject:** Broadcast ownership rules.

Honorable Persons,

I urge you not to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopoly.

We have just won a victory for freedom in Iraq. Let us not lose a freedom here at home. That freedom is the right to hear varied opinions and not just those of controlling interests. Stand up for Freedom of which so many of us have given their lives. Please protect the broadcast ownership rules.

Respectfully,  
Ignatius Palmeri

**From:** Jillian Bailey  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sat, May 3, 2003 2:50 PM  
**Subject:** media consolidation

Dear Commissioner Adelstein,

As a citizen and a consumer, I urge you to hold the line on media consolidation. Our democracy depends upon maintaining a conversation between a wide range of voices. The very fact that few media outlets have covered the issue of media consolidation now before the Commission illustrates what can happen when a few companies, who are no doubt in favor of further consolidation, control a large portion of the media.

Vote no on further media consolidation on June 3.

Jillian Bailey O'Connor  
1860 Morton Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90026

**From:** Harris Mithoug  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein, Mike Powell, Michael Copps  
**Date:** Sat, May 3, 2003 2:55 PM  
**Subject:** re:deregulation of the media

To all of who are concerned,

Deregulation of the media is a mistake of major proportions. Not only for the work force which is already suffering immensely under our current administration. But also for the free voice of America and the public interest.

The current administration has done as good of job as any at manipulating the messages that come across in our media, but it won't last. The truth will prevail eventually. Public interest in America is to stand for Freedom...the "very thing we have been fighting for"...deregulation takes the freedom from the masses and puts it in the hands of a few who control and take the free press as well as creativity away from an industry that was founded on these concepts. This would be a travesty for the airwaves and the people of America who depend on a free press.

Mr. Powell to you I would ask if you have a copy of the constitution in your office? If you don't you should get one and put it somewhere near. So that you can read it everyday. You say that the FCC hasn't had new policies since the 30's...and need updating. Mr. Copps recently made a good point that the constitution is even older. What about the Bible. Not everything that has been written needs to be re-written. If anything the FCC should put the old standards of ownership back in place. Media/Radio has already suffered tremendously due to the new standards for ownership that have taken place just in the last decade.

Don't do this country another injustice. We have suffered enough with lost jobs and lost lives as well as the constant barrages of fear from one threat or another coming from our media. America is a stressed out country!! More people are on anti depressants than ever and many under the age of 30! Isn't it amazing we tell our children "Just Say No"..to drugs, yet every other ad on television is another prescription drug that will fix this or that problem.. For God's sake what has this tool that we have to reach the people turned into?

As it is it will most likely be a long time before we will gain back even a quarter of the lost jobs in the last few years. Do you want to go down in history as one that helped make things worse for the people of a country that... I'm sure you say you love? Deregulation will only cause more lost jobs!

There are too good many reasons not to make this change. I can't think of one good one to deregulate.

But I would have to ask Mr. Powell, would it be personal, perhaps your pocket book. I can't help but be completely skeptical on this issue since any educated man would know this is not a wise move.

Sincerely,  
One who cares about our free press.  
Joey

**From:** Jillian Bailey  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Sat, May 3, 2003 2:59 PM  
**Subject:** media consolidation

Dear Commissioner Powell,

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**From:** Joe Freiburger  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sat, May 3, 2003 12:41 AM  
**Subject:** No more market share

Please stop allowing the media to take over more and more market share. Go the other way - one owner, one station, one network. If we can't hear the issues, we can't make informed decisions. We may be able to go to the polls, but we don't know what we are voting about. Clear Channel owns 54% of the radio market in the USA - that's one voice to over half the people.

Thank you,  
Joe Freiburger  
7321 Howdershell Rd.  
Hazelwood, MO 63042

**From:** Lawrence S. Van  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sat, May 3, 2003 12:44 AM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

Lawrence S. Van (vanl@pacifier.com) writes:

Dear Commissioner Adelstein, I been reading a bit lately about the upcoming changes in FCC regulations. I am alarmed & fearful that what little free press we have left is in danger of becoming monopolized. I would encourage you to take a brave step forward & assure that media outlets of all kinds are kept in the hands of more than just a few people. Keep my airwaves diverse! Thank You,  
Larry Van  
Salem, OR.

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**From:** nancy loeb  
**To:** Mike Powell, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein, Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Sat, May 3, 2003 12:52 AM  
**Subject:** media ownership

As a citizen I am strongly apposed to further media ownership consolidation. We already have moved to far in that direction and the information available to citizens in our effort to be informed, is compromised.

Where did the concept of "healthy competition" get lost? I am old enough to see the repeated cycle of the power shift. I hope the commission recognizes the overriding danger of too wide a swing to corporate power.

Sincerely

N. A. Loeb

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**From:** LISA MARTIN  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sat, May 3, 2003 12:56 AM  
**Subject:** June 2 Hearings!

Dear Sir,

I am writing to express my very grave concern over the upcoming June 2 meeting to discuss the sale of our nation's airwaves. As a concerned citizen, history teacher and consumer of media, I demand, on behalf of the American people that this process be opened up so that the American people can be informed of the very serious nature of these decisions and how it will impact our fourth pillar of democracy...press freedom.

I have lived outside the US for over 12 years, and have only recently moved back to the US this past summer. I have seen and lived through this media grab in other countries, and the implications for press diversity is truly frightening. I urge you to communicate with the American people and to educate them quickly as to what is at stake. THIS IS YOUR DUTY AND YOUR JOB.

I trust the FCC will make decisions on behalf of the American people.

Lisa Martin  
43641 Calabro St  
Temecula CA 92592



**From:** LAURATIMTHOMAS@aol.com  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Sat, May 3, 2003 1:02 AM  
**Subject:** Please delay the June meeting decision on whether to expand media market-share

Dear M. Powell,

I am writing this short letter to ask that you delay your vote for the upcoming June meeting regarding the expanding of market share of large media conglomerates. It is dangerous to approach such a momentous decision without a thorough discussion and analysis. My concern is that this upcoming vote will be perceived as a special-interest motivated process. I don't know if there is truth to this assumption. But I am greatly concerned that voting to expand the market share of the media conglomerates will reduce the diversity of journalistic reporting on important issues of the day. To decide vote in June on such a potential water-shed event which can profoundly effect our American culture is too rushed. There should be more public comment and discussion. Thus, I am writing that there be a delay in this June vote until more public awareness of it is given.

Sincerely,

Tim Thomas

2940 Freeborn St.

Duarte, CA 91010

**From:** Lora Lucero  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sat, May 3, 2003 1:04 AM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

Lora Lucero (LoraLucero@aol.com) writes:

Where can I find a copy of the new rules under consideration which I understand will be voted on in early June? I've looked on the FCC website and can't find them.

Lora Lucero  
Albuquerque, NM

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**From:** albert de luna  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Sat, May 3, 2003 1:05 AM  
**Subject:** broadcast ownership rules -do not relax them

I urge you not to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies. The American people deserve to hear from more than one point of view on important issues.. For the sake of democracy and freedom, do not change the rules.

Respectfully

Albert De Luna Parsippany, NJ .07054

**CC:** Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

**From:** Soupson52@aol.com  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Sat, May 3, 2003 1:06 AM  
**Subject:** giving up our airwaves

Dear Sir,

I am horrified at the idea that you would vote to put our airwaves in the hands of only a few. I believe it would be detrimental to the freedom we profess to love. I base my opinion on my recent experience of watching the war with Iraq as it unfolded on the various channels. The experience on CNN and FOX were so different, one telling the experience as their reporters tried to view it with an open mind and the other limiting its vision according to what I can only guess was the vision of its management. I am humbled at the possibility of getting my news through the eyes of FOX.

Please stop the madness and summon every ounce of your integrity and goodwill when you vote.

Thank you for your time.

Carolyn Ackmann  
email address: soupson52@aol.com

**From:** linda  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Sat, May 3, 2003 1:07 AM  
**Subject:** media ownership rules

I am very disheartened to learn that the FCC is seriously contemplating changing media ownership rules to permit increased ownership of media outlets by a single individual or organization. It's puzzling that an issue of this importance is not highlighted on the Commission's website so that citizens can easily offer their comments.

This proposal will certainly result in decreasing diversity of viewpoints accessible to the public.

I urge you to reject it.

Thank you.

Linda Beeman  
4345 Terra Bella Lane  
Clinton, WA 98236

**CC:** Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

**From:** Stephen Roberts  
**To:** KM KJMWEB, Kathleen Abernathy, Commissioner Adelstein, Michael Copps, Mike Powell  
**Date:** Sat, May 3, 2003 1:07 AM  
**Subject:** Opposition to further Media Consolidation

Dear Commissioners:

I would like to state my opposition to any further rulemaking that permits the further consolidation of media.

Corporate media concentration has eroded the local public interest programming that the old rules promoted. It has also placed too much power in the hands of fewer and fewer people.

I read an interesting and convincing article on the print media demonstrating that all 175 organs of the Murdoch organization sang with the same voice on the matter of the war with Iraq. I found through the Internet that the only real voices of dissent on the issue were overseas. With deference to Chairman Powell's sensibilities, this monolithic message is not healthy. The issue next time might be something he finds objectionable.

I put myself through several college years DJ-ing at a local radio station. Local competition produced several niches that, combined, met the needs of most of the community. Coincidentally, my elder son followed this same path and what a difference! All six outlets in Medford, Oregon are owned by the same company. I can see the efficiencies as he does voicework for all of them and several other corporate outlets but much of the programming is not local. The stations have changed hands at least four times in his tenure so there has been little consideration for the local community good. There has been a homogenization. If the only purpose for a station is to provide a little different kind of music-radio is dead as a community resource.

I was really taken aback when the "equal time" concept on political matters was discarded some years ago. It was alleged to be irrelevant. I still disagree. The stifling of minority viewpoints and the disenfranchisement of groups/individuals clearly leads to alienation and even terror.

I strongly urge you to consider the public good along with the economic good in allocating the valuable public airspace. Perhaps a matrix combining required local ownership, and a percentage allocation of other ownerships would be a workable compromise. I really would prefer a "rollback." but I fear that is probably no longer possible. Please don't compound the problems you have already created.

Thank you for your consideration of my viewpoint.

Sincerely,

Stephen Roberts

**From:** LAURATIMTHOMAS@aol.com  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sat, May 3, 2003 1:09 AM  
**Subject:** Please delay the vote to decide whether to increase the media market share

Dear Commissioner Adelstein,

I am writing this short letter to ask that you delay your vote for the upcoming June meeting regarding the expanding of market share of large media conglomerates. It is a dangerous to approach such a momentous decision without a thorough discussion and analysis. My concern is that this upcoming vote will be perceived as a special-interest motivated process. I don't know if there is truth to this assumption. But I am greatly concerned that voting to expand the market share of the media conglomerates will reduce the diversity of journalistic reporting on important issues of the day. To decide vote in June on such an potential water-shed event which can profoundly effect our American culture is too rushed. There should be more public comment and discussion. Thus, I am writing that there be a delay in this June vote until more public awareness of it is given.

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**From:** tom farrell  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Sat, May 3, 2003 1:15 AM  
**Subject:** media ownership rules

Dear Sir,

Please do not revise the 1934 rules re: media ownership of news and information outlets in the U.S. These provisions are not out of date, and saying so is like saying the Bible or the U.S. Constitution is out of date because they were written so long ago. That sort of logic just does not hold water.

Regarding deregulation, all one has to do is look at the airline industry, or look at the savings and loan debacle of the 1980's to see what is coming to the public airways if these old rules are cast aside. In a democracy, as you know, we as a free people must have all opinions available to us through the media to be able to make judgments about the important issues of the day. If we lose this, our form of government will fall.

Tom Farrell,  
San Marino, Ca.  
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**From:** Joseph Mortz  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sat, May 3, 2003 1:18 AM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

Joseph Mortz (joemortz@cox.net) writes:

The FCC rules regulating media ownership should not be eliminated and should be strengthen to promote more diverse and local ownerships.

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**From:** Kimberly Kay Smith  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sat, May 3, 2003 1:26 AM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

Kimberly Kay Smith (kimberly.kay@cox.net) writes:

I am appalled that the FCC would consider revising the rules of media ownership. The rules set forth in 1934 provide Americans with a cornerstone of democracy. Do not change them!

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**From:** the Daltons  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Sat, May 3, 2003 1:38 AM  
**Subject:** June 2 meeting

Dear Commissioner Powell,

This is to express to you my concern for the changes being considered at your June 2 meeting. The free flow of information and divergent view points are fundamental to a healthy democracy. Taking any action that allows a further consolidation of media outlets (businesses) will be detrimental the very core of our nation, its democratic freedom. Is it any wonder the mainstream media are not covering the changes you are considering. Big business does not look out for the public's best interests and must be held in check. The FCC must protect the public's airwaves.

If any action is in order, it should be to strengthen restriction on the ownership of multiple media outlets.

Thank you for your time.

Stephen Dalton

**CC:** Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

**From:** Zoe Newman  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Sat, May 3, 2003 1:39 AM  
**Subject:** FCC vote on media deregulation

Dear Chairman Michael Powell,

As an American concerned about our democracy, and the freeness of the media and news essential to a democracy, I urge you to oppose media deregulation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Tima Zoe Newman  
Albany, CA

**From:** Kevin Corstange  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Commissioner Adelstein, KM KJMWEB, Michael Copps  
**Date:** Sat, May 3, 2003 1:41 AM  
**Subject:** June 2 Ruling

Based on comments you've made in the past, it seems your interest in the opinion of people such as myself - the general public - is very little. However, I'm going to offer it to you anyway. And I believe that my opinion is one that a great many people share - or would share, if you bothered to inform them about your upcoming ruling.

I believe the only way a true democracy can exist is if the sources of information are diverse and expected to serve the basic public interests. Whenever the sources of media are allowed to conglomerate in the hands of a few (whether a few people or a few corporations) democracy loses and special interests win. Special interests have been winning a great deal lately, it seems, and we, the democracy, have been losing. Rather than using the Internet, satellite and cable as excuses to deregulate the airwaves and newspapers, you should be considering ways of regulating access to the Internet so that it remains diverse and in the public's interest. You contend that media outlets are now limitless and, as a result, regulation as it exists is unnecessary. While that's a pretty theory, the reality, as you know, is that the means of accessing these new 'outlets' is very limited and controlled by a very few corporations. ! Also, all of these new outlets cost money to access, whether it's cable, satellite or the Internet, making the airwaves and their diversity even more valuable to those without great means.

I realize you were probably appointed to this position by the administration specifically to deregulate this industry, so my opinion and the opinion of the general public truly doesn't mean a hill of beans to you. But, I urge you to consider whether you truly want to live in a world where the only information or news you get is what a few corporate conglomerates want you to hear. Already there is a startling lack of real news coverage. Deregulating things further will only make it worse. And while the theory of deregulation is that, eventually, diversity will reign, it could take many decades for that to happen, if it happens at all, and the amount of damage even 10 years of consolidated informational power can do to this country is something I can't imagine you want history to place on your head. I, for one, will hold you and your commissioners personally responsible, Chairman Powell.

Commissioner Copps, thank you for attempting to inform us of this upcoming ruling. It's nice to know someone in the government still believes public service is meant to serve the public's interests... and the only way to know what those interests are is to ask us.

Kevin Corstange, general public

**From:** Joe Quintana  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Sat, May 3, 2003 1:48 AM  
**Subject:** FCC broadcast media ownership

I am writing to you today to reply to the public comments on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. To promote competition, diversity and local content, the FCC should retain the current media ownership rules and impose stricter public interest requirements.

The studies commissioned by the FCC are flawed and incomplete. By allowing our media outlets to merge print and broadcast facilities a greater restriction on the breadth of news and information available to citizens to act in the public interest will result.

The public interest will best be served by preserving media ownership rules in question in this proceeding.

In addition, I strongly encourage the Commission to hold hearings in all parts of the country and solicit the widest possible participation from the public which will be the most directly affected by the outcomes of these decisions.

Thank you,

-Joe Quintana

**From:** Peter B. Collins/home office  
**To:** Mike Powell, Commissioner Adelstein, Kathleen Abernathy, KM KJMWEB, Michael Copps  
**Date:** Sat, May 3, 2003 1:51 AM  
**Subject:** Delay deregulation!

Commissioners,

I appreciate the efforts of Mr. Copps and Mr. Adelstein to gather public comments on the expected June 2 deregulation measures.

All of the comments I heard--Columbia, San Francisco, USC--indicate that irreparable damage to the public interest will occur if you further relax the ownership limits and crossownership rules.

I respectfully request that you do your duty, and value the public interest in diversity of voices--not just outlets--over the business interests of the media conglomerates. You must study these issues further, and delay the action the Chairman proposes for June 2.

Thank you for your consideration.

Peter B. Collins  
San Anselmo, California

**From:** Ronald Whitney  
**To:** Mike Powell, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Kathleen Abernathy, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sat, May 3, 2003 1:59 AM  
**Subject:** STOP MEDIA CONSOLIDATION!

STOP MEDIA CONSOLIDATION!

You serve to protect the public good; not corporate power! Stand up for democracy.

Do not deregulate the radio airwaves. In fact, return to the stricter standards that existed for both radio and TV before 1996. Principles such as free and diverse information access do not need to be "updated." Already we are feeling the negative affects of media consolidation. The Internet is not sufficient to counter the restrictions imposed by limited diversity. Not every one has access to the Internet. And by relying on it to supply diverse information, we are in saying that not everyone is entitled to diverse information.



**From:** Patti Rose  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sat, May 3, 2003 1:59 AM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

Patti Rose (patti2rose@cox.net) writes:

Dear Mr. Adelstein,

I understand that a vote on media ownership is going to take place in June. I am aghast that the media has largely ignored this topic and it has therefore, not gotten any public discourse. I cannot believe that you are considering a vote before democracy has had time to digest the topic.

The BBC Director General, Greg Dyke, recently visited the US and was shocked by the lack of good reporting that the American people are subjected to. Frankly, I agree. I read the American media after I have looked at what is available from the international folks because I know that the few outlets in the US put my access to information second to their profits.

A democracy is meaningless without a good media. Our forefathers knew this. That's why they addressed it in the FIRST Amendment. We are not getting the information that we need to participate in our government. And you are shirking your responsibility to the ideals of Democracy by voting on this important topic without a debate.

This is not something that you will be able to undo once corporations have gobbled up the airwaves. There will be no way to rescind your vote. The airwaves are the property of the people. I urge you to consider your responsibility and the legacy you will leave. Democracy is a lofty goal and if you only consider the input of the people paid to advise you, you may be written into the book of freedom as a thief in the night. I urge you to take this responsibility that you have been entrusted with and hold it high.

Thank you for your time. And may you be blessed with wisdom.

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